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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Message from King Saud Al-Saud

King Saud has sent with Ambassador Wadsworth, presently home on consultation, the enclosed letter to you in which he expresses his appreciation for our good offices in the Buraimi matter and indicates his desire to continue our close cooperation. The King also dictated to Ambassador Wadsworth an oral message to you (enclosed), emphasizing that he has not taken arms from the Soviet bloc; that he desires to continue to be able to purchase arms from the United States and to continue the relationship at the Dhahran Airfield.

An appropriate answer from you to King Saud, acknowledging these messages and expressing our continued willingness to cooperate with Saudi Arabia would assist substantially in establishing the appropriate atmosphere for a successful renegotiation. The necessary instructions to Ambassador Wadsworth have been prepared by the Departments of State and Defense.

There is enclosed a suggested reply to the King's message.

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Enclosures:

1. Letter from King Saud April 3, 1956.
2. Transcript of oral message from King Saud.
3. Suggested reply to King's message.

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Suggested Reply

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Your Majesty:

I am taking the opportunity to send to you by Ambassador Wadsworth my acknowledgment of your recent messages. Both the one which you gave the Ambassador orally during his farewell audience and your subsequent letter of April 3 are new milestones in the long history of the relations between the United States and Saudi Arabia. I am most appreciative of the sincere expressions of friendship which these convey.

We greatly value the close relationship which has existed between our two countries and especially the basis of mutual trust and cooperation which has characterized that friendship. In recent months I have been impressed by the understanding and statesmanlike patience with which you have faced the numerous problems and pressures upon you and by your resolute determination to shun the temptations of precipitate action.

We are encouraged by the word which Ambassador Wadsworth brings on the Dhahran Airfield. We are gratified that it is your intention to continue our cooperation in this matter. I welcome the opportunity to reiterate my desire to continue to cooperate in the strengthening of your Kingdom. Ambassador Wadsworth is now in a position to discuss fully with you how, in our view, this objective may best be implemented and how the United States may be of assistance to you in the strengthening of your defense force.

I thank:

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I thank you for that portion of your message concerning Bahraini. We are hopeful that it may soon be possible for your Government and that of the United Kingdom to bring your discussions of the issues between you to a satisfactory conclusion. We will continue to exercise our good offices to the end that your discussions may be fruitful.

The United States continues to be deeply interested in the territorial integrity, prosperous development and independence of Saudi Arabia. I look forward to a continued period of close and mutually beneficial friendship between us and our peoples.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

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Transcript of Oral Message from King Saud to President Eisenhower

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